GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

The Andhra Pradesh Departmental Tests Rules, 1965 – Amendment to Rule 17 and Annexure-III of Rule 20 – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SER.C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 55 **Dated: 02-05-2017**
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms No.1397, G.A.(Rules) Dept., dated: 24-7-1965
2. G.O.Ms. No.602, G.A.(Ser.C) Dept., dated:1-11-2011.
3. G.O.Ms. No. 288, G.A.(Ser.C)Dept., dated:10-9-2014.
4. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 640/DTA/2016, dt:7-9-2016.

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O R D E R:

In the G.O. 1st read above, the Andhra Pradesh Departmental Tests Rules, 1965 were issued. In the G.O.2nd above, the duration of the examination was reduced from three hours to two hours duly amending Rule 14 (a) (iii) of the A.P. Departmental Tests Rules, 1965. In the G.O.3rd read above, Rule 14 (a) (iii) and Annexure-III (of Rule 20) were amended prescribing the duration of the tests of Descriptive type pattern as three hours except Second Language Test which is of two hours duration and for Objective Type pattern tests, it was prescribed as two hours duration.

2. In the letter 4th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, has stated that, the commission decided to bring certain changes in the pattern of Departmental tests as detailed under:

(a) In respect of objective type papers with multiple choice answers, the wrong answering shall be penalised. For every wrong answer, 1/3 (0.33) of the marks prescribed for the question shall be deducted, unanswered questions will not be taken into account.

(b) In view of the introducing negative marks for wrong answering, the minimum marks for passing of the Tests be lessened by 5% for all the objective type papers. Rule 17 of Departmental Tests Rules, 1965 is to be amended accordingly that the minimum marks required to pass each test shall be 35 in each paper instead of 40. In respect of Divisional Test and A.P. Works Accounts Services examination the minimum pass marks prescribed vide G.O.Ms.No.213, F&P (FW.WA.I) Dept., dated: 14-6-1984, as 40 in each paper and 45% in aggregates shall be 35 in each paper and 40% in aggregate. However, the Minimum marks required for pass in the Descriptive papers shall be 40 in each paper.

(c) The Secretary, APPSC has informed that in view of the online examination being held, the registration process of candidature shall commence 90 minutes before the Test Schedule and this is causing a little difficult for candidates coming to Head Quarters from the corners of the districts for the forenoon session, which is scheduled at 09.00 A.M. The Commission, as such desired to amend Rule 14 (a) (iii) and Rule 20 of the Departmental Tests Rules, 1965 and the re-scheduled test timings are as under:

Test type	Forenoon Session	Afternoon Session
Objective Papers	10.00 am to 12.00 noon	03.00 pm to 05.00 pm
Descriptive Papers	10.00 am to 01.00 pm	03.00 pm to 06.00 pm

3. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby accept the proposal of the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission and make the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Departmental Tests Rules, 1965, issued in G.O.Ms.No.1397, G.A.(Rules) Department, dated:24th July, 1965 as amended from time to time and will come into effect from the next notification.

AMENDMENTS

In the said rules;

(i) In rule 17, after proviso, the following two provisos shall be added;

Provided that in respect of objective type papers with multiple Choice answers, the wrong answering shall be penalised. For every wrong answer, 1/3(0.33) of the marks prescribed for the question shall be deducted, unanswered questions will not be taken into account.

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Provided that the minimum marks for passing of all the objective type departmental Tests are reduced to 35 marks instead of 40. In respect of Divisional Test and AP Works Accounts Services examination, the minimum pass marks prescribed vide G.O.Ms.No.213, F&P (FW.WA.I) Deptt., dt.14.6.1984, as 40 in each paper and 45% in aggregates are reduced to 35 in each paper and 40% in aggregate. However, the minimum marks required for pass in the Descriptive Papers shall be 40 in each paper.

(ii) For Annexure-III in Rule 20, the following shall be substituted namely:

for descriptive type pattern examination:

(a) for the expression "9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon" wherever it occurs, the expression "10.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m." shall be substituted except the Second Class Language Test.

(b) for the expression "2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m." wherever it occurs the expression "03.00 p.m. to 06.00 p.m." shall be substituted except the Second Class Language Test.

for objective type pattern examinations:

(a) for the expression "9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m." wherever it occurs, the expression "10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon" shall be substituted.

(b) for the expression "2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m." wherever it occurs the expression "03.00 p.m. to 05.00p.m." shall be substituted.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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